



MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ANNUAL REPORT 2009

"Promoting Choice and Independence"



Letter of Transmittal to:

October 29, 2009

Honorable Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Executive

Honorable Philip Andrews, President Montgomery County Council

Uma S. Ahluwalia, Director, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services

The Commission on People with Disabilities is pleased to present a summary of its activities for the past year. We continue to advise and consult with you on issues of concern to the safety and well-being of the estimated over 180,000 people with disabilities who live in Montgomery County. The Commission continues to work to improve the lives of people with disabilities who work, visit or live in our County. Under your leadership and with your support, the Commission is mandated to ensure that the County government complies with all Federal, State and local laws that guarantee the rights of people with disabilities, particularly the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Supreme Court's 1999 Olmstead Decision which upheld the "integration mandate" of the Americans with Disabilities Act requiring public agencies to provide services "in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of qualified individuals with disabilities."

The Commissioners bring knowledge, expertise and talent to the County by providing valuable input and advice on issues affecting people with disabilities such as greater input on how to best communicate with persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, increasing the stock of Visit-able housing in single family new construction and renovation through Design for Life Montgomery, and recommending that the County adopt a "Best Practices in Accessible Design" policy in new construction and renovation of County buildings and projects.

This year the Commission has focused on learning what policy changes need to be made to support housing for people with spinal cord injuries in partnership with Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital and the Archdiocese of Greater Washington in moving six persons living in nursing homes into Metropointe Apartments, the Customized Employment Internship program, advising on how to have the Office of Human Resources on-line employment application form be accessible, increasing employment of people with disabilities in its diversity outreach efforts, and more accessible construction of paver sidewalks so they are user friendly to all people in the community. From efforts to comply with the Olmstead Decision to Therapeutic Recreation to MetroAccess to accessibility on the fixed route transportation system, we have taken positions and given advice on how best to ensure greatest access.

We wish to recognize and give our personal thanks to all Commissioners, the many community members, and the agency staff who participate in our meetings for their commitment and dedication in promoting the civil rights and independence of people with disabilities. We would like to acknowledge DHHS Director Uma Ahluwalia for continuing to meet with the Boards, Commissions, and Committees to keep us informed of important health and human services issues; Jay Kenney, Ph.D., Chief, Aging & Disability Services, Betsy Luecking, Disability Policy Specialist, and Carly Clem, OSC, for their outstanding support in providing the Commission with the resources needed to carry out our mission. This report is the result of our combined efforts.

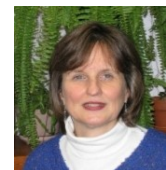
It has been a pleasure to work with you and members of the Commission during our term of service. We are confident that you will continue to support the Commission's efforts to enhance the lives of people with disabilities. Our meetings are open to the public, and we invite you to join us for any meeting.

Sincerely,



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COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS FOR 2008 - 2009

October 2008: *"Update on Montgomery County Government's Customized Employment Internship Program"* ~ Lise Cuozzo Stern, MontgomeryWorks One Stop Employment Center

"Briefing on the ADA Amendments Act of 2008" ~ Mark Maxin, Commissioner, Special Counsel for Federal Labor, Employment and Civil Rights, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

December 2008: *"Digital Conversion Issues: What You Need To Know"* ~ Keith Watkins, Investigator, Montgomery County Office of Cable and Communication Services, and Donna Keating, Acting Manager, County Cable Channel 6, Department of Transportation

"Aging & Disability Budget Update" ~ Jay Kenney, Ph.D., Chief, Aging & Disability Services

January 2009: *"Aging & Disability Services' Community Support Network - What Their Role Is In Serving People With Developmental Disabilities"* ~ Lauren Newman, Administrator, Community Support Network, and Shawn Lattanzio, Manager for Transitioning Youth Services

February 2009: *"The WMATA MetroAccess Settlement Briefing"* ~ Sharon Moore, Senior Project Coordinator, Equal Rights Center

March 2009: *"Dialogue on Disability Issues and Unmet Needs"* ~ The Honorable Phil Andrews, President, Montgomery County Council

April 2009: *"Sidewalk and Paver Issue"* ~ Ellen Bogage, Representative for Potomac Valley Brick
"Budget Testimony" ~ Jay Kenney, Ph.D., Chief, Aging & Disability Services

May 2009: *"MetroAccess and Planning of Pick-up and Drop-off Locations in County Buildings"* ~ Glenn Millis, Metro Office of ADA Programs, Department of Access Services

June 2009: *"Pedestrian Safety Presentation and Discussion"* ~ Jeff Dunckel, Pedestrian Safety Coordinator, Department of Transportation

"Autism/DD Report Presentation and Discussion" ~ Jay Kenney, Co-Chair, Autism/DD Work-group, and Lauren Newman, Administrator, Community Support Network

September 2009: *"Tribute to Harold Snider"* ~ Joe Adler, Director, Office of Human Resources, Art Wallenstein, Director, Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, Jay Kenney, Chief, Aging and Disability Services, David Snider, son of Harold Snider, and all Commissioners and friends

2008 – 2009 COMMISSION OUTCOMES / HIGHLIGHTS



County Efforts to Increase Employment of People with Disabilities

The Commission continues to work with the Office of Human Resources to encourage employment of people with disabilities in County government, across all grade levels in possible internship programs, in the hiring process, and in accommodations once someone is hired. The Commission encourages the County to include people with disabilities, including disabled veterans, in all diversity outreach efforts and to have each department head evaluated on the outcomes. The County Council Office of Legislative Oversight has done extensive research into the hiring of people with disabilities and has developed an extensive packet called [Responses for Council 10/5/09 MFP Hearing/OLO Disability Report](#). The Commission will be making recommendations about disability and veteran employment preference as allowed by law. We will continue to meet

with Joe Adler, Director of the Office of Human Resources, who has been very open to increasing employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Library Workgroup

Despite budget constraints that curtailed the goal of providing additional training to library staff at all branches on disability issues during 2009, the entire Rockville Library staff received training on the new digital talking books during September 2009. In other areas, Commissioner Kamran Rasul, a volunteer with the library, began sessions in June 2009, on the last Saturday of each month, about adaptive technology. These sessions include discussions and demonstrations of a wide range of adaptive technologies of interest to people with disabilities. At present these programs currently are scheduled into Spring, 2010. The Commission has encouraged public participation in community meetings to address needs of persons with disabilities in the design of the new Silver Spring library to be constructed at Fenton Street and Wayne Avenue. Additionally, representatives of the Commission met on several occasions directly with Library and County General Services staff regarding the concept and preliminary layout and designs for the new Silver Spring Library. This has allowed for design aspects to include better access to persons with disabilities to library facilities that may be over and above those mandated by the ADA guidelines. These types of meetings are planned to continue as major capital improvements at and/or new construction of branches continues.

Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital and Archdiocese Accessible Housing and Community Living Workgroup

This workgroup met on a monthly basis at Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital to support people with spinal cord injury to find alternative housing other than living at home or in nursing home facilities. It came to fruition in November, 2008 when the Housing Opportunities Commission allowed six individuals the opportunity to live at the new MetroPointe in Wheaton. Dr. Sheehan, Medical Director, Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital, Rev. Msgr. Ralph Kuehner, Archdiocese of Washington, Anne Marie Prangle, Rosemary and Tom Popdan, Mary McGinnity, Peg Kolm of the Archdiocese, Betsy Luecking, David Sharp and Cindy Buddington were a part of this workgroup. This workgroup continues its monthly meetings to address the issues, challenges and problems that have arisen with these six individuals in their new housing environment. The group is also working with the Service Coordinating Center of Millersville to coordinate needed services to be paid for with Living at Home Waiver dollars.



MetroPointe Apartments, Photo Courtesy of HOC



Maryland Accessibility Code: Commission Involvement & Findings In Waiver Requests

Per the Maryland Accessibility Code, a "Designated disability advisory group" means an individual, group of individuals, agency, organization designated in writing by a local government or, in the absence of a written designation of a local government, by the Secretary, to advise the Department with respect to standards substantially equivalent to ADAAG under Regulation .08 of this chapter and waiver requests under Regulation .09 of this chapter (11) Dwelling Unit. The commission serves as the County's designated advisory group to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development on requests for waivers from the Code. We have reviewed several churches this past year and the most common issues are inaccessible altars, restrooms, and parking. We advise them about the [National Organization's Accessible Congregation's Campaign](#) and encouraged them to check it out to spread the word to their members to welcome people with disabilities to their congregation. Tim Markwood, Cindy Buddington, John Miers along with Betsy Luecking perform the on-site inspections.

2008 – 2009 COMMISSION OUTCOMES / HIGHLIGHTS

Paver Resolution Passed by County Council to Provide Design Standards to Eliminate Improper Installation of Brick Pavers on Sidewalks - Adopted: April 21, 2009

Under the leadership of then Chairman Nelson Jackson, the Commission began advocating in 2007 to stop the improper installation of brick pavers on paths of travel in the design of sidewalks, streets and facilities in the County. These pavers can increase fall injuries and create barriers for people with mobility and visual disabilities and people in general, as they pose tripping hazards. Wheelchair users and others with limited mobility find the pavers extremely difficult to travel over as most paved surfaces are uneven and spaced too far apart. After discussion and negotiation with the County and the Brick Industry and others, it was decided to recommend that the County adopt the [Bethesda Streetscape Standards](#). The Commission is very proud to be a part of this resolution and wishes to thank the County Executive and County Council for this action. We request that you ask Rockville, Gaithersburg, and Takoma Park to adopt this resolution.

Resolution: 16-931
Introduced: February 24, 2009
Adopted: April 21, 2009

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Councilmembers Floreen, Andrews, Elrich, Ervin, Leventhal and Trachtenberg

SUBJECT: Policy Regarding the Use of Brick and Other Pavements in the Public Right-of-Way

Background

1. The Commission on People with Disabilities has noted that wheelchair users and others with limited mobility find pavements of brick, chamfered and cobblestone pavers, and stamped concrete to be extremely difficult to travel over and can increase injuries due to falls. The Commission states that these pavements create barriers for people with mobility and visual disabilities.
2. The County Department of Transportation has reported that brick pavements are more difficult and costly to maintain than concrete or asphalt surfaces.

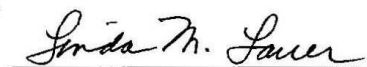
Action

The County Council for Montgomery County approves the following resolution:

Chamfered and cobblestone pavers and stamped concrete may continue to be used in public rights of way as edge treatments and decorative elements, but they must no longer be installed in the paths of travel in the public right of way in Montgomery County, unless they are included in a County capital improvement for which construction funds have been appropriated prior to February 24, 2009, or they are included in a requirement for a project plan, subdivision or site plan approved prior to February 24, 2009.

Brick pavements may be constructed or substantially replaced in the paths of travel in public rights-of-way as long as they are installed according to specifications to be developed by the Department of Transportation that are in accordance with the Bethesda Streetscape Standards. The specific installation requirements must be included on the plans required for permits for brick pavement installation in public rights-of-way. Brick pavements may be installed only in urban districts charged with maintaining them or where there is a permanent maintenance and liability agreement in effect that provides for their maintenance. These provisions apply to any County capital improvement for which construction funds are appropriated on or after February 24, 2009 and to any brick pavements required in a project plan, subdivision or site plan approved on or after February 24, 2009.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

2008 – 2009 COMMISSION OUTCOMES / HIGHLIGHTS

Health Care Disparities: Need for Health Care Promotion & Wellness for People with Disabilities

The Commission recommends that the County include and prioritize in its strategic planning, the overall health and wellness needs of the total population that includes the needs of people with disabilities, along with other special populations targeted for health promotion. The County could reduce health disparities between people with disabilities and the non-disabled population by emphasizing health screening, training of healthcare providers in the County, increasing access of healthcare facilities, develop physical activity and nutrition programs that focus on children and adults, and includes outreach to people with disabilities. Over the upcoming year the Health and Wellness Committee will be doing outreach to Montgomery College and universities to have presentations by people with disabilities on their patient experience in obtaining or being unable to obtain health care due to such issues as lack of accessible examination tables or denial of sign language interpreter services. This committee will be presenting a health theme each month to the Commission.

Maryland Alliance of Disability Commissions & Committees

The Maryland Alliance of Disability Commissions & Committees was formed in 2002 to represent Maryland citizens with disabilities. The Alliance, which advocates Statewide to assure the full participation of individuals with disabilities into their local communities, is comprised of representatives from Baltimore City and several County Commissions on Disabilities including Montgomery County. According to statistics generated by the United States Census Bureau, 17.6% of Maryland citizens (over 1.4 million people) have disabilities. Of that number, over 425,000 have disabilities so severe that they are restricted from independently performing one or more activities of daily living, such as eating, dressing or bathing. A member of the Commission and staff person from each county that is a member attend the Alliance meetings every other first Monday of each month in Columbia, Maryland to share information and exchange views on legislation and other issues of vital mutual interest. The goal of this group is to promote a more accessible Maryland.



Design for Life Montgomery: Visit-Ability and Live-Ability to Promote Greater Housing Accessibility In Our Community

[Design for Life Montgomery](#) is the first voluntary certification program in Maryland for Visit-Ability and Live-Ability in single family attached and detached homes located in Montgomery County. The County seeks to change the old way of building inaccessible homes, and instead plan to build live-able communities that are totally usable by all people, and not just as a special exception. This program puts us at the forefront of basic access in housing design, which is generally missing in the U.S. housing stock, and will make it possible for people to remain in their homes regardless of age or disability. Its guidelines apply to **both new construction and renovation of existing homes**. Whether you are a first time homebuyer, young family, career professional, active adult, or person living with a temporary or permanent disability, your home will be enhanced by these additional design features which will meet your needs throughout your life. So that you can live in your home for the rest of your life, we encourage you to include the following:

Design for Life Montgomery Visit-Ability Key Elements

- **One no step entry at front, back, basement, or side door - any door!**
- **32" wide interior doors connected to a circulation path**
- **A powder room with sufficient maneuvering space**

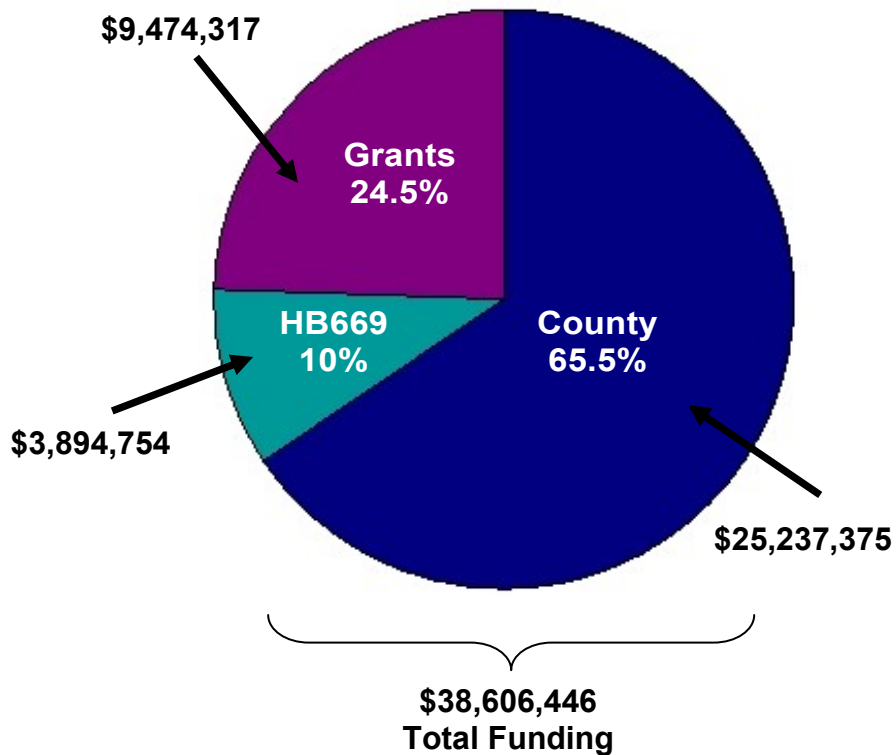
MetroAccess and Encouragement for Persons to Use the Fixed Route System

Every person who uses MetroAccess to get to work, medical appointments, meetings, any event needs to be able to count on being on time so that they can fully participate in community life. The Commission continues to advocate for reliable transportation for MetroAccess users. Over the past year Commissioners Paul Meyer and David Sharp have been attending National Capital Transportation Board Access for All Advisory meetings regarding MetroAccess. Please see the [November 25, 2008 Independent Review of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's \(WMATA\) MetroAccess Service Final Report](#). Major findings from the report indicate that on-time performance has improved and there are fewer missed trips and no-shows. However, the review also indicated several areas where progress still needs to be made, including staff and driver turnover, delays in the eligibility process; and timeliness of pick-ups and drop-offs. A reminder to all that certified MetroAccess users ride free on the fixed route bus and rail system. We encourage MetroAccess users to use the fixed route whenever possible. If you need travel training, contact the Metro Office of ADA Programs at 202-962-1558 (V) or 202-962-2033 (TTY).



STATUS OF FY10 DHHS AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES FUNDING

Program Area	Total Funding	From County	From HB669	From Grants
Service Area Administration	\$487,463	\$378,995	\$108,468	—
Community Support Network for People with Disabilities	\$16,453,163	\$11,476,588	\$5,775	\$4,970,800
Information and Assistance	\$994,491	\$375,302	\$75,810	\$543,380
Senior Community Services	\$3,936,279	\$2,925,232	—	\$1,011,047
Senior Food Program	\$2,291,021	\$689,925	—	\$1,601,097
Assessment and Continuing Case Services	\$6,157,478	\$3,416,466	\$2,019,992	\$721,020
Respite Care	\$1,035,430	\$823,589	\$211,841	—
In Home Aide Services	\$4,614,761	\$3,583,223	\$1,031,538	—
Assisted Living Services	\$1,972,684	\$1,256,607	\$441,330	\$274,747
Ombudsman Services	\$663,675	\$311,449	—	\$352,226
Grand Total	\$38,606,446	\$25,237,375	\$3,894,754	\$9,474,317



POLICY / BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FY11

Montgomery County Commission on People with Disabilities HHS FY11 Community Budget Forum Testimony - October 20, 2009 Mark Maxin, Chair | Aaron Kaufman, Vice- Chair

Thank you for the opportunity to share our priorities with you for programs impacting people with disabilities in our community. We recognize that these are severe economic times and request that you sustain or increase programs as possible. Currently, it appears that the services provided by HHS are mostly serving people in crisis or adult protective services or what is known as the "safety net". Clearly the County needs to care for the vulnerable and we strongly support that, but we also encourage/need you to consider an intake system to provide more preventative and maintenance versus crisis only services. This includes services to people with all types of disabilities: physical, behavioral, sensory, mental and developmental that require your protection of funding so they can live in the community among family, friends and professional resources with the maximum independence and dignity. Poverty is no stranger to people with disabilities. There is a strong correlation between people with disabilities and unemployment and underemployment resulting in an increased percentage of people living in poverty. It has been shown over and over to be the most cost effective means of facilitating a move from poverty or financial dependence on, to financial contribution to the community. Please consider the following:

- 1) We are requesting \$8,000 for a Disabilities Today Cable TV show, similar to the Seniors Today Cable TV show. Given the many budget cuts for programs and services, our goal is to outreach to better educate people with disabilities and family members on programs and services that promote independence, safety, and financial self-sufficiency. Featured topics would be on a wide variety of issues such as transitioning youth, disability parking laws/responsibilities, discrimination, disability rights, employment, housing subsidies/home loans, home modifications, health and wellness, service animals, and accessibility in the community.
- 2) Additional funding for the providers of services to people with developmental disabilities. We recognize that out of the \$38.6 M County Council FY10 approved budget for Aging and Disability Services that \$8,349,360 was budgeted for the DD supplement. As of June 2009, there were 19,016 individuals requesting services from DDA. This equates to close to 3,000 people from Montgomery County. Effective October, 2009 the State cut administrative funding to the providers of DD services by 2% and they anticipate more State cuts. We estimate that there are at least 15 people with intellectual disabilities living with parents over age 70 in the County who need residential services. Without additional funding, the agencies that provide residential services are not able to expand services to those that need them.
- 3) Additional funds for the Senior Nutrition Program to provide home delivered meals for frail people with disabilities who are under 60 years of age and who need but cannot pay for home delivered meals.
- 4) The Commission on Aging is requesting funding a Geriatric Mental Health Treatment Team for low-income seniors with mental health and substance abuse problems. We support their request for this much needed program, and request that you extend this program to also serve people with disabilities who are under age 60 who have a difficult time or are unable to leave their home to receive needed mental health and substance abuse services.

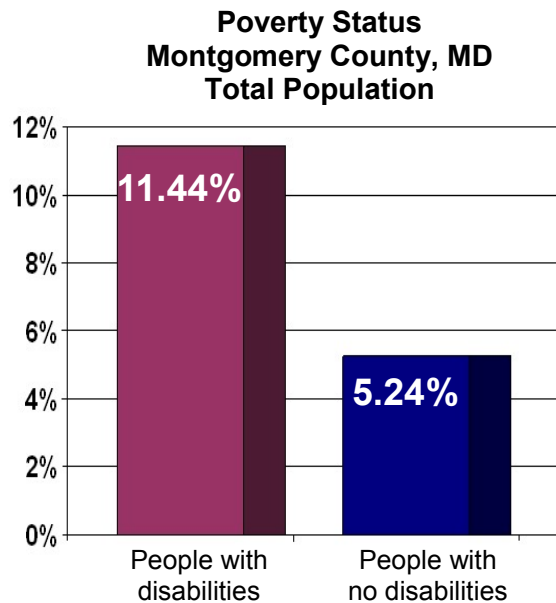
Lastly, we offer you this policy recommendation that would have a huge impact in reducing poverty and increasing inclusion and more active participation of people with disabilities. The County says its workforce should be a reflection of our community. We understand there is outreach based on race and ethnicity, but we see the need for greater efforts to employ and have representation of people of disabilities. People with disabilities make up close to 20% of the population. But we do not make up 20% of the County's employed workforce, outreach efforts to diverse communities, or participation on Boards/Commissions and Committees. To reduce poverty amongst people with disabilities, we need to be part of the County's diversity goals, and change procedures and possibly the Charter to increase employment. Among all adults age 21+, people with disabilities are almost 3 times more likely to be below the Federal Poverty Level (11.4% vs. 3.6%).

The U.S. Census Bureau 2006 American Community Survey estimates that nationwide, of 194 million people, over 24 million have a disability of which 15 million (62%) are unemployed. In Montgomery County, of the 40,000 individuals with disabilities 43.3% are unemployed. We strongly recommend that the County include and recognize people with disabilities in its diversity goals; particularly in the Office of Community Partnerships, Office of Human Rights, Office of Human Resources, and in appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees.

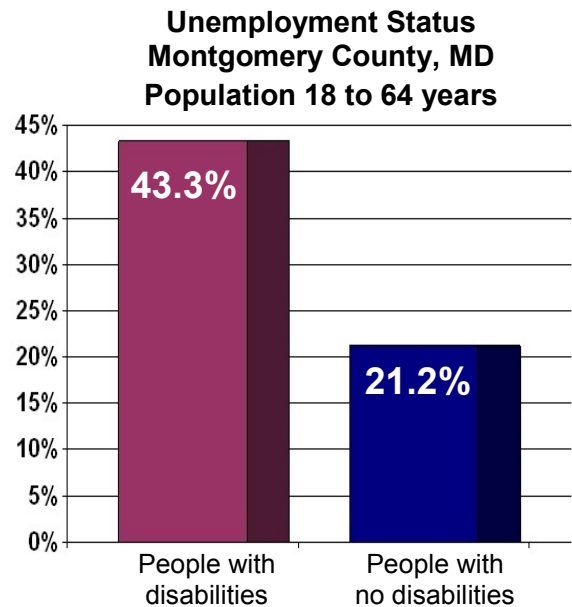
POLICY / BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FY11

In closing, we recommend that you sustain or increase services as you can in County programs for people with disabilities, including the County's support for community based service providers who do so much to enrich the lives of so many. The County has had a long-standing, laudable policy that enables people with disabilities to live as independently, productively and safely as possible. In order to maintain this policy, the County needs to adequately fund disability programs. We thank HHS and the County for all you have done to make our community a better place to live for people with disabilities.

"A Community's Budgetary Choices and Policies Reflect its Values"



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2008



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Median Income - Montgomery County, MD Population 16 Years and Older With Earnings In The Past 12 Months

With A Disability	\$29,737
Male	\$33,594
Female	\$22,805
No Disability	\$44,425
Male	\$51,770
Female	\$36,562

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2008

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

**Montgomery County Commission on People with Disabilities
Testimony before the Montgomery County's Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC)
Public Hearing on COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS and PAST PERFORMANCE
FY2011-2015 Five Year Consolidated Plan
October 13, 2009
Jackie Simon, Commissioner**

On behalf of the Montgomery County Commission on People with Disabilities, I want to take this opportunity to share with you our recommendations for funding of projects with the outcomes of:

1. reducing poverty,
2. promoting and supporting community living, and
3. increasing safety and greater accessibility for people with disabilities in our community.

Funding programs for people with disabilities serves the broad spectrum of those living in our community. People with disabilities are diverse and have representation amongst the protected classes of race, color, religious creed, sex, ancestry, national origin, age, marital status, genetic status, gender identity, familial status, and sexual orientation.

Poverty is no stranger to people with disabilities. There is a strong correlation between people with disabilities and unemployment and underemployment resulting in an increased percentage of people living in poverty. Among all adults age 21+, people with disabilities are almost 3 times more likely to be below the Federal Poverty Level (11.4% vs. 3.6%).

The U.S. Census Bureau 2006 American Community Survey estimates that nationwide, of 194 million people, over 24 million have a disability of which 15 million (62%) are unemployed. In Montgomery County, of the 40,000 individuals with disabilities 43.3% are unemployed.

What could you fund to help reduce poverty and work towards reducing this unacceptable high unemployment rate? We ask that you fund a jobs coordinator housed at Montgomery Works dedicated to working with individuals with disabilities, who are not being served by the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) because they are not considered to meet the eligibility for DORS priority of services to obtain employment in the public and private sector, and to educate employers on how to make reasonable accommodations in the workplace. By law, DORS serves individuals with the most significant disabilities first. DORS has a waiting list because there is not enough federal funding to help all of the people who are eligible for employment services. There is a need to serve persons who are on the DORS waiting list, and/or who have a qualified disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act and do not qualify for DORS services.

We need more ACCESSIBLE and affordable housing and supports for people with disabilities by funds being allocated for:

- Assisting persons with minor home modifications after an illness or accident which limits mobility to increase safety and independence. We ask that a limit of 40 homes with a maximum of \$10,000 per home to be available to those below 40-60% of median income.
- Modification grants to landlords that promise to leave the accessibility improvements in place and match the grant money with their funds.
- Chore services or handyperson assistance so people can increase their safety and independence.
- Increased education and outreach for the Design for Life Montgomery "visit-ability" program in cooperation with permitting services by creating a resource there to help market the program more than they are now able when folks come in for building permits.
- Technical assistance to families of cost effective ways to modify their homes after a stroke, accident or a returning disabled Veteran, in consultation with the American Institute of Architects (AIA).
- Replicating the current program for people with spinal cord injury that has been demonstrated at Metropointe; as we have identified 900 people living in MC nursing homes under the age of 60 who have signaled they want out.
- Develop community housing for young people with brain injury.
- Provide case management for those on the Living at Home Waiver waiting list living in the community and not receiving any services.
- Increase grants to group homes funded by DDA. There is a DDA regulation that limits Group Homes to no more than 3 residents; the main reason for this is the belief that residents in larger Homes would not socialize outside of the Group Home and this has created a financial hardship for many providers.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

The Americans with Disabilities Act provides standards for accessibility but these standards do not always ensure access. We recommend an Accessibility Grant fund for items such as:

- Automated doors on exterior doors and restrooms. Automated doors are not a requirement of the ADA, but makes restrooms more accessible for people with mobility impairments.
- Audio loops so that people who are hard of hearing are able to participate in an agency's programs.
- Large print signs, Braille, audible instructions and audible recorded guides for persons who are blind or who have visual impairments to increase the level of accessible signage and way finding in our community. Those with vision issues need to be able to find and understand the existence of walkways, elevators, and how to travel within a building and knowing where to go once inside.
- Projects that enhance accessible pedestrian safety. We believe that pedestrian infrastructure interfacing with community facilities is very important to the successful accomplishment of a long range plan for the county. In short, appropriate consideration of how pedestrians access and navigate the community environment is important to the quality of life and safety of all residents.
- Projects that enhance emergency planning efforts and emergency response services for people with spinal cord injury, tetraplegia and other physical disabilities; blind or low vision; deaf or hard of hearing; intellectual; psychiatric or other disabilities to safely self-evacuate or be evacuated by others. This would include specialized training for fire and rescue staff and other first responders.
- Projects that promote disability outreach and inclusion such as marketing materials and cable TV programming that educates the community on disability rights, services and programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment this evening. To promote a more inclusive community, please know that we are here as a partner to assist you in anyway that we can.

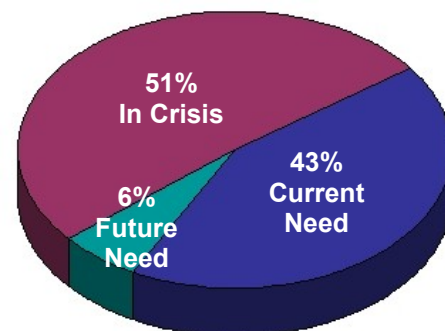
See page 13 for poverty and unemployment data.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES & MARYLAND MEDICAID WAIVERS

Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Community Services Waiting List

As of June, 2009, there are **19,016** individuals waiting for one of three basic services (residential, day and support services). **12,603** of those individuals have never received services. The number of people on the Waiting List for Community Services grew by **992** children and adults between July, 2008, and June, 2009. From the 19,016 individuals requesting services:

- 94% of those individuals need services now
- 51% of those individuals are in crisis
- 43% of those individuals have a current need
- 6% of those individuals have a future need



DDA Community Services Waiting List
19,016 Individuals On The Waiting List



Thousands of families have already waited well over a decade for needed services and supports, and many caregivers are elderly. Families worry how much longer they can hold on. The number of people on the Community Services Waiting List has grown 96% between January 2004 and June 2009. From FY 2003 - FY 2010, there has been no substantial new funding for people on the DDA Community Services Waiting List, with the exception of funding for transitioning youth. As a result, the Waiting List has grown from 8,000 to over 19,000 children and adults.

Source: Developmental Disabilities Coalition

Maryland State Medicaid Waiver Waiting Lists

Waiver	March 2008	September 2009
Older Adult	11,314 - State 464 from Montgomery County	14,793 - State 1,330 from Montgomery County
Living At Home Community Choice	1,937 - State 45 from Montgomery County	2,776 - State 239 from Montgomery County
Autism	2,364 - State 45 from Montgomery County	3,065 - State 616 from Montgomery County
Developmental Disabilities	18,024 - State 2,840 from Montgomery County	19,016 - State 2,733 from Montgomery County

Source: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Developmental Disabilities Services: How Maryland Rates

Maryland ranks **43rd** in terms of spending on developmental disabilities services. Only eight states rank lower: Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Nevada, Texas and Virginia. Maryland devotes **21% less** resources for community services than the average state and has one of the lowest Medicaid eligibility income limits in the country.

Source: Developmental Disabilities Coalition

Community Support Network

The Community Support Network (CSN) is a unit within the Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Disability Services that provides services and support to children and adults with developmental disabilities ages 3 years through adulthood. CSN provides individuals with supports that enable them to fully participate in all aspects of community life by assisting them in making choices, securing natural supports and services. In addition, CSN provides community education through quarterly newsletters, educational seminars and resource fairs. To learn more about their programs and services go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ddcsn.

Montgomery County Infants & Toddlers Program

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services administers the Infant and Toddlers Program, which provides early intervention services to families with children, birth to 3 years old, who have or are at risk of having developmental delays. Information reflects the number of children receiving early intervention services annually for FY2008.

Total Served in FY08	3,825
New Referrals	2,252

Source: Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program

WHO HAS A DISABILITY IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD? AN OVERVIEW

The U.S. Census Bureau Census, 2000, estimated that there were 186,580 persons living in Montgomery County with a disability. Nationally, it is estimated people with disabilities make up 19.8% of the total population. According to a 2008 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, 12.1% of Americans self-reported as having a disability. These figures excluded individuals who reside in nursing homes or other institutions. The Census Bureau defines disability as a long-lasting sensory, physical, mental, or emotional condition or conditions that make it difficult for a person to do functional or participatory activities such as seeing, hearing, walking, climbing stairs, learning, remembering, concentrating, dressing, bathing, going outside the home, or working at a job.

Poverty, Unemployment & Disability Data Summary - Federal, State, Local

- In September 2009, the U.S. Department of Labor reported that the percentage of people with disabilities in the labor force was 22 compared with 70.5 for persons with no disability. The unemployment rate for those with disabilities was 16.2 percent, compared with 9.2 percent for persons with no disability, not seasonally adjusted.
- In October 2009, the Maryland Department of Disabilities reports that in Maryland approximately 850,000 individuals or 18% of the total population are classified as disabled, according to the 2000 Census. Unemployment for people with disabilities is approximately 60%.
- Among all adults age 21+, people with disabilities are almost 3 times more likely to be below the Federal Poverty Level (11.4% vs. 3.6%). In Montgomery County, 31% of working age adults (ages 18 - 54) with disabilities report that they are unemployed.

The discrepancy between data sources has to do with: a) definition of "unemployed" and b) age groups. Unemployed for Dept. of Labor statistics is defined in terms of those who are actively pursuing work. If someone is not attempting to work (i.e., voluntarily retired or infant/child), or has given up looking for work or are not legitimate candidates for work, then they do not show up in the percentages.

Social Security Recipients (SSI)

As of December, 2008, there are **12,283** people receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in Montgomery County.

People under 18	1,063
People 18 - 64	4,553
People 65 or older	6,667
Total	12,283
Social Security Insurance recipients also receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	3,062
Total Amount of Payments	\$5,781,000

Source: Social Security Administration, 2008

2008 Disability Characteristics - Montgomery County

Subject	Total
Population under 5 years	66,211
With a disability	109
Population 5 to 17 years	162,246
With a disability	5,997
With a hearing difficulty	1,057
With a vision difficulty	764
With a cognitive difficulty	4,505
With an ambulatory difficulty	779
With a self-care difficulty	1,588
Population 18 to 64 years	598,557
With a disability	30,135
With a hearing difficulty	7,420
With a vision difficulty	4,244
With a cognitive difficulty	11,941
With an ambulatory difficulty	12,659
With a self-care difficulty	5,746
With an independent living difficulty	9,766
Population 65 years and over	114,056
With a disability	32,389
With a hearing difficulty	13,041
With a vision difficulty	7,220
With a cognitive difficulty	6,958
With an ambulatory difficulty	19,753
With a self-care difficulty	7,920
With an independent living difficulty	16,230
Total Population With A Disability	68,630

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2008

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL EDUCATION

Number of Montgomery County Public School Students with Disabilities Ages 3 - 21 Receiving Special Education Services

As of Oct. 31st, 2008, there were **16,485** students with disabilities enrolled in Special Education. This population makes up **11.8%** of the County's total school enrollment of 139,282 students.

Disability Type	# of Students 2007	# of Students 2008	% Between 2007 and 2008
Autism	943	1,308	+ 39%
Deaf	119	110	- 7%
Deaf-Blind	1	2	+ 100%
Developmental Delay	800	1,197	+ 49%
Emotional Disturbance	1,034	635	- 38%
Hearing Impairment	121	152	+ 26%
Mental Retardation	647	649	+ 0.3%
Multiple Disabilities	445	220	- 51%
Orthopedic Impairment	78	62	- 20%
Other Health Impairment	2,092	2,593	+ 24%
Specific Learning Disability	6,094	5,615	- 8%
Speech and Language Impairment	5,213	3,838	- 26%
Traumatic Brain Injury	46	31	- 33%
Visual Impairment	67	73	+ 9%
Total	17,700	16,485	

Source: Maryland State Department of Education - Special Education/Early Intervention Services Census Data 3/2009

Montgomery County School Enrollment - Special Education Ages 3 to 21

Special Education enrollment has increased by 594 students over the last ten years.



Source: Maryland State Department of Education - Special Education/Early Intervention Services Census Data 3/2009

Students with Disabilities By Race Compared with General Education Students by Race - Ages 3 to 21

SWD = Students with Disabilities / GE = General Education

	Grand Total	American Indian/ Alaskan Native		Asian/Pacific Islander		African American		White		Hispanic	
		Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
SWD	16,485	48	0.3%	1,293	7.8%	4,720	28.6%	6,494	39.4%	3,930	23.8%
GE	139,282	401	0.3%	21,549	15.5%	32,172	23.1%	54,413	39.1%	30,747	22.1%

Source: Maryland State Department of Education - Special Education/Early Intervention Services Census Data 3/2009

SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATION WORDING FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO PUT ON MEETING NOTICES AND BROCHURES

County Public Meeting Notice Wording - To Be Placed On All Meeting Agendas

"Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 3 full business days advance notice, prior to the day of the event. Alternative formats of this document are available upon request as far in advance as possible. If you need other services or accommodations to participate in this activity, please call staff name at 240-----, Voice or 240-----, TTY. Or, you may send a request via email to Staff.Name@montgomerycountymd.gov. Taking these steps will help us have sufficient time to best meet your needs." If you don't have a TTY number for your office, add the statement, "or via TTY at MD Relay 711."

How To Request A Sign Language Interpreter for County-Sponsored Events

The County has a contract with Purple Communications when in need of sign language interpreters. Before arrangements can be made, a Montgomery County number (MC number) must first be obtained from the Department of Health and Human Services. All sign language interpreter jobs will be charged back to the County department making the request. An MC number is used as a way to track and charge back the County department of the interpreter service. To obtain an MC number for requesting interpreter services, call 240-777-1216 (V), 240-777-1217 (TTY). Be prepared to provide the following information before an MC number will be issued: name of staff person, department, phone number, date of job, time of job, index code, sub-object code, project location code, and agency code. After the information is correctly provided, an MC number will be issued and arrangements for the interpreter can be made directly through Purple Communications at 301-946-9710 (V).

Brochures & Other Types of Publications Wording - Sample– Each Program Would Need to Modify

All printed materials such as brochures, annual reports and publications for the public include that alternative formats of the document are available upon request as follows in two ways depending upon your layout:

Alternative formats of this document are available upon request.

Isiah Leggett, County Executive
Uma S. Ahluwalia, Director
John J. Kenney, Ph.D., Chief
Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services
Aging and Disability Services, Commission on People with Disabilities
401 Hungerford Drive, 4th Floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850
240-777-1246 (V), 240-777-1288 (FAX), or via MD Relay at 711
Staff.Name@montgomerycountymd.gov

OR

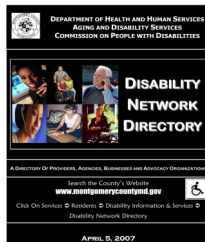
"Alternative formats of this document are available upon request by calling: _____ Voice, _____ TTY or you may send a request via e-mail to Staff.Name@montgomerycountymd.gov." (Insert the phone number of the staff issuing the publication and e-mail if possible).

When Someone Requests An Alternative Format, County Staff May Have To:

- Provide the copy in large print. Either change the font size to larger letters (16 - 22 point) or enlarge the original on a copier machine to about one-half inch per letter. The print shop can also enlarge the document on their copier.
- Read it to the person.
- Provide an audiocassette of someone reading the publication.
- Provide information on a computer disk so that people with visual impairments can insert the disk into a computer equipped to read material aloud.
- Provide the publication in Braille. To get a document printed in Braille, contact the County's contractor for such service: Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, 8720 Georgia Avenue, Suite 210, Silver Spring, MD, 20910, 240-737-5185 (V), 240-737-5101 (Fax), or you can e-mail the document to Kim Alfonso, Vice President, Business Development at kalfonso@clb.org. Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind can convert any document into Braille for a fee. A cost estimate will be provided to you prior to printing. Typically, the charge is 50 cents per page to convert to Braille.

PUBLICATIONS PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION

Publications Provided by the Commission on People with Disabilities



DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY:

A directory of provider agencies, businesses and advocacy organizations. The directory is provided upon request to people seeking local, state and national resources for people with disabilities.

(Both publications are also on the County Website - See Website location below)

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

A comprehensive listing of public, private and non-profit transportation in the Washington Metropolitan Region, State of Maryland and beyond. The guide was compiled to assist County residents to better coordinate their transportation needs.



Visit the Disability Services Website:

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/disability

DON'T GET STUCK IN TRAFFIC, IF THERE IS AN ACCIDENT!!!!

You are encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts from

Alert Montgomery.

Let Montgomery County contact you using the Roam Secure Alert Network during a major crisis or emergency. Alert Montgomery can deliver important emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you on all of your devices at once:

- e-mail account (work, home, other)
- cell phone
- text page
- Blackberry
- wireless PDA

<https://alert.montgomerycountymd.gov>



Montgomery County encourages all residents to put together a plan for emergencies. The County has emergency response plans in place for dealing with emergencies from snow storms to terrorist attacks.

However, each person is strongly encouraged to develop their own personal plan. Montgomery County has developed the Plan 9 Guide for residents. It is a simple guide to nine essential items to help residents shelter in-place during emergencies.

We also encourage people to request a File of Life that allows you to fill out your medical history and rescue personnel are trained to look for this File on your refrigerator. To request a File of Life, call the Health and Human Services Aging and Disability Resource Center Unit: 240-777-3000 (V), 240-777-2545 (TTY), or visit the websites:

www.makeaplan.org

www.montgomerycountymd.gov



Collect these **nine essential items** to help you shelter-in-place in the event of an emergency.



1. Water: *One gallon* per person per day for three days. Replace the water every 6 months.



2. Food: *Non-perishables* such as canned or packaged food. Enough to last 3 to 5 days per person.



3. Clothes: *One change* of clothes and footwear per person. Consider packing blankets, rain-gear, and outerwear in case of severe weather.



4. Medications: *Three days worth* of prescription medications. Be sure to mark the expiration dates and change as needed.



5. Flashlight: *A bright flashlight* and extra batteries. Do not use candles as they are fire hazards.



6. Can Opener: Manual can opener in case there's no electric power. Buying foods with pull-open cans is also helpful.



7. Radio: Battery-powered radio and extra batteries. Crank operated or solar powered radios are also helpful.



8. Hygiene Items: Basics like soap, toilet paper and a toothbrush. Moist toiles are useful.



9. First Aid: Basics like antiseptic, gloves, bandages, and non-prescription medicines. Many stores have pre-made kits.

ABOUT THE COMMISSION

HISTORY

The Commission on People with Disabilities was established by County legislation in 1978 to advise the County Executive and County Council on the coordination and development of the County's policies affecting residents with disabilities.

MISSION

The Commission provides advice, counsel, and recommendations to the Government of Montgomery County, Maryland in general, the County Executive, and the County Council in particular. Its responsibilities involve those matters influencing the provision of services, County policies and procedures, development and implementation of state and federal laws, and any other issues affecting the lives, rights, and welfare of the people it represents. The Commission operates in belief that people with disabilities have the right to the same opportunities in life as people without disabilities; and that this right can best be ensured by a commitment to enhancing the image, status, and quality of life of all children and adults with disabilities.

MEMBERSHIP

The Commission on People with Disabilities is composed of 25 voting members who serve in a volunteer capacity. Members are appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council.

The Commission includes:

- ▶ 13 people with disabilities,
- ▶ 3 parents of people with disabilities, and
- ▶ 9 representatives of public and private service providing agencies

The Commission also includes ex-officio members that are appointed to represent the Departments of Health and Human Services, Transportation, Recreation, Libraries, Office of Human Resources, and the Human Rights Commission. There are also members who represent Montgomery College, Montgomery County Public Schools, and the Housing Opportunities Commission.

MEETINGS

All Commission and Committee meetings are open to the public. The Commission welcomes visitors to join us as we serve the County and its residents. Meetings are subject to change without advance notice. Please call to confirm day and time of meetings and to request any special accommodations. As possible, we adjust meeting dates in order to accommodate days of major religious observances. You can view the Commission meeting minutes online at:

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cpwd

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2009 - 2010

Full Commission Meeting

2nd Wednesday of the month,
except for July & August.
101 Monroe Street, Lobby Auditorium
Rockville, MD 20850
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Steering Committee Meeting

3rd Wednesday of the month
401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850
1st Floor Tan Conference Room
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Workgroups

Meet, as needed, at differing locations.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Commission operates through a committee/workgroup structure that is re-evaluated annually to respond to changing needs. The Steering Committee is responsible for planning and directing the activities of the Commission and for overseeing the activities of the committees. The Chairperson also appointed the following workgroups:

- Bus Stops
- Communication Access
- Council of Government Best Practice Paratransit
- Education/OHR Employment Advisory Workgroup
- Health/Wellness Promotion
- Houses of Worship
- Housing - Affordable & Accessible
- HHS Special Populations for Emergency Planning
- HHS In-Home Aide Advisory Workgroup
- MD Alliance of Disability Commissions
- MD Waiver Review from State Code
- Mental Health Advisory Committee Liaison
- Montgomery County Public Libraries
- Transportation Workgroup for Seniors and People with Disabilities (HHS & DOT)

Committee/workgroup membership is comprised of Commission members and interested persons from the community. In addition, coordinators are assigned to take lead responsibility for public relations and legislation. The Nominating and Selection Committees, required for administration purposes, were also established.

Be an advocate!!! The Commission encourages that all residents with disabilities and their families communicate with their elected officials about their needs for programs and services. The following pages include contact information for you to use in contacting your elected officials.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR FEDERAL & STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Federal Government Elected Officials

President of the United States

Barack Obama (D)
202-456-1414 (V)
president@whitehouse.gov

Vice-President of the United States

Joe Biden (D)
202-456-1414 (V)
vice_president@whitehouse.gov

U.S. Senate

Benjamin L. Cardin (D)
202-224-4524

Barbara A. Mikulski (D)
202-224-4654 (V)

U.S. Congress, 4th District

Donna Edwards (D)
202-225-8699 (V)
301-562-7960 (V) Regional Office

U.S. Congress, 6th District

Roscoe G. Bartlett (R)
202-225-2721 (V)
301-797-6043 (V) Regional Office

U.S. Congress, 8th District

Chris Van Hollen (D)
202-225-5341 (V)
301-424-3501 (V) Regional Office

State of Maryland Elected Officials

Governor

Martin J. O'Malley (D)
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410-974-3901 (V)
1-800-811-8336 (Toll Free)

Lt. Governor

Anthony G. Brown (D)
ltgovernor@gov.state.md.us
410-974-3901 (V)
1-800-811-8336 (Toll Free)

Comptroller

Peter V. R. Franchot (D)
pfranchot@comp.state.md.us
410-260-7801 (V)
1-800-552-3941 (Toll Free)

Attorney General

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410-576-6300 (V)
410-576-6372 (TTY)

Maryland General Assembly

All telephone numbers are toll-free from Montgomery County
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Del. Anne R. Kaiser (D)

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Del. Herman L. Taylor, Jr. (D)

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Maryland General Assembly continued...

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Del. Heather R. Mizeur (D)

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HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS



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Isiah Leggett**

The **County Executive** can be reached at:

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101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor

Rockville, MD 20850

240-777-2500 (V)

240-777-2544 (TTY)

ocemail@montgomerycountymd.gov



Montgomery County Council

The **County Council** can be reached at:

Stella B. Werner Council Office Building

100 Maryland Avenue

Rockville, MD 20850

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240-777-7914 (TTY)

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county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov

Standing, left to right: Mike Knapp, Nancy Navarro, George Leventhal, Valerie Ervin, and Marc Elrich.

Seated, left to right: Nancy Floreen, Vice President Roger Berliner, President Phil Andrews, and Duchy Trachtenberg.

Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Uma S. Ahluwalia, Director

John J. Kenney, Ph.D., Chief

**Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services
Aging and Disability Services, Commission on People with Disabilities**

401 Hungerford Drive, 4th Floor

Rockville, Maryland 20850

240-777-1246 (V) ♦ via MD Relay at 711

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*Montgomery County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in
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